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**REMARKS**

Entry of the present amendment and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

By way of the amendment instructions above, the substance of claims 2-6 has been incorporated into the presently amended version of claim 1. Moreover, the definition of R has been revised so as to address the Examiner's criticisms in that regard. It is clear now that an "R" is required to have a molecular weight of 40 to 1000.

The prior issued US patent Nos. 2,768,994 and 3,027,352 were submitted to show that the art is very cognizant of how to make generally branched polyacetals per se. Moreover, the present specification itself provides more than abundant (and indeed more than legally adequate) disclosure from page 4, line 13 through page 15, line 2 regarding how to make the claimed branched polyacetal. In any event, the amendment instructions to claim 1 above which particularly define the comonomeric compounds employed to obtain the claimed branch polyacetal (A) copolymer is believed to moot the Examiner's criticisms in this regard.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph is therefore believed to be in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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